



Health Insurance in the District of Columbia

State Planning Grant Overview

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HRSA State Planning Grant

A Project of the District of Columbia Department of Health



What is a State Planning Grant?

Purpose

Federally funded program to examine ways to expand health insurance coverage for uninsured residents in the District of Columbia



State Planning Grant Focus

- Conduct studies to identify uninsured residents and reasons why they are uninsured
- Determine effective options to provide high quality affordable health insurance.
- Convene a panel of collaborators and community partners to serve as an expert advisory group.



Project Team

- Grantee: D.C. Department of Health
- Key Collaborating Agencies:
 - State Center for Health Statistics Administration
 - Urban Institute
 - AcademyHealth
 - Other public and private agencies
- Health Care Coverage Advisory Panel



The Advisory Panel

- Chosen to represent a broad range of District constituencies & expertise.
- Designed to facilitate discussions among groups with competing interests.
- Expected to develop options for expanding coverage that balance these competing interests.



Panel Process

The balanced composition of the Panel will allow competing interests to be considered.

The Panel will have 4 quarterly meetings over the next 12 months.

Project staff will facilitate the discussions, and provide needed research and analysis.

Panel recommendations will be included in the final grant report to the Mayor and DHHS.



From Recommendations to Action

- The District can learn from progress in 42 other states, including Maryland and Virginia.
- New or expanded health coverage options will be identified.
- This Advisory Panel's recommendations will have a major impact on health coverage policy in the District of Columbia.